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Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

In re

Amendment of Section 73.202(b)
Table of Allotments,
FM Broadcast Stations
(Half Way and Ozark, Missouri)

MM Docket No. 93-186

To: The Chief, Allocations Branch
Mass Media Bureau

#### COMMENT AND COUNTERPROPOSAL

Missouri Radio, Inc. ("MRI") herewith comments on and submits a counterproposal to the <u>Notice of Proposed Rule Making</u> ("NPRM"), DA 93-729 (released July 13, 1993). MRI will show that the Commission should not adopt the FM Table amendments suggested by the <u>NPRM</u> and the underlying Joint Petition for Rule Making. Rather, the FCC should adopt MRI's counterproposal and allot FM Channel 256A at Humansville, Missouri as that community's first local service. In support whereof, the following is shown.

1. Ozark Mountain Broadcasting, Inc. and KYOO Broadcasting Company ("Petitioners") filed a Joint Petition for Rule Making with the Commission seeking to amend the Table of Allotments as follows:

City Present Proposed
Half Way, Missouri 226A 256A
Ozark, Missouri 225A 225C2

No. of Copies rec'd List ABCDE In response to Petitioner's Joint Petition, the Commission issued the <a href="NPRM">NPRM</a> seeking comments on the proposal.

2. MRI hereby advances a counterproposal to that advanced by Petitioners, and requests that the Commission amend the FM Table of Allotments as follows:

City	<u>Present</u>	Proposed
Humansville, Missouri		256A

- 3. As authorized, Petitioners provide Half Way and Ozark with a local service, respectively. By contrast, Humansville, Missouri lacks any local service. MRI proposes to redress that unfair distribution of transmission service by allocating Channel 256A to Humansville. This change will clearly serve the public interest.
- 4. Under Commission policy, a proposed allotment must advance the goals of Section 307(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. The FCC judges allotment proposals by the following priorities:
  - (1) first aural service;
  - (2) second aural service;
  - (3) first local service; and
  - (4) other public-interest factors.

Priorities (2) and (3) have equal rank. Revision of FM

Assignment Policies and Procedures, 90 FCC 2d 88, 92 (1982).

5. Measured against these standards, MRI's counterproposal would clearly result in a preferential arrangement of FM

allotments. Half Way and Ozark, Missouri each currently enjoys one local service, respectively, but Humansville has none. Also, upon information and belief, there are approximately 15 1 mV/m signals reaching Ozark, and at least half of those are 3.16 mV/m signals. Humansville has demographic attributes that justify a first local service. Humansville's incorporated status constitutes prima facie evidence that the community warrants a first local service. Pierce, Texas et al., 8 FCC Rcd 3528, 3530 (1993); Revision of FM Assignment Policies and Procedures, 90 FCC 2d at 101.

- 6. Moreover, as is shown in the attached Statement of James D. Sadler, Technical Consultant for MRI, Humansville has a population of 1,084 persons and Channel 256A can be assigned without a site restriction, while meeting the required minimum distance separations with respect to all existing and proposed facilities and assignments. Assuming uniform terrain, the 60 dBu (1 mV/m) coverage contour will provide new service to an area of 2,516 square kilometers containing 25,572 persons.
- 7. Measured against these standards, MRI's counterproposal would clearly result in a preferential arrangement of FM allotments. Upon adoption of MRI's proposal, Half Way and Ozark would each still enjoy several local services, including KZPF(FM) and KYOO-FM. At the same time, Humansville, an incorporated city with a full range of civic attributes (including fire and police departments, city council, chamber of commerce and nearby lakeside resorts), would gain a first local service.

- MRI's Humansville proposal (a Priority-3 allotment) 8. outranks the Petitioners' proposal (a Priority-4 allotment). As such, grant of MRI's counterproposal represents a preferred use of the spectrum.
- 9. MRI intends, if the Commission amends the FM Table in the way MRI requests herein, to promptly apply for a construction permit specifying operation of a new FM station on Channel 256A at Humansville. Upon grant of that application, MRI intends to construct, place into operation, and seek a covering license for the new facility.

For the reasons stated above, the Commission must not adopt the proposal set forth in the NPRM. Rather, the Commission must allocate Channel 256A at Humansville, Missouri. Adopting MRI's counterproposal will clearly serve the public interest.

> Respectfully submitted, MISSOURI RADIO, INC.

1909 Columbia Drive Richardson, Texas 75081

Date: September 2, 1993



## STATEMENT OF JAMES D. SADLER IN SUPPORT OF COMMENT AND COUNTERPROPOSAL MM DOCKET NO. 93-186

Proponent: Missouri Radio, Inc.

I am a Technical Consultant, an employee in the firm of Carl T. Jones Corporation, with offices located in Springfield, Virginia.

This office has been authorized by Missouri Radio, Inc. to prepare this statement and associated exhibit in support of Comment and Counterproposal to MM Docket No. 93-186. Missouri Radio, Inc. requests amendment of the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the FCC Rules, in the following manner:

	<u>Present</u>	Proposed
Humansville, Missouri		256A

The allotment of Channel 256A to Humansville, Missouri, would provide the city with its first local service. As shown in the 1990 Census, Humansville is located in Polk County and has a population of 1,084 persons. Channel 256A can be assigned to Humansville without a site restriction at the geographic coordinates for Humansville as indicated by the National Mapping Division, U.S. Geological Survey.

Figure 1, herein, is an allocation study performed on channel 256A at Humansville to ensure the allotment would meet the required minimum distance separations with

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respect to all existing and proposed facilities and assignments. The geographic

coordinates used in the study are: 37° 47' 40" North Latitude; 93° 34' 40" West Longitude.

From the proposed reference site, the maximum class A station can easily provide

70 dBu (3.16 mV/m) service to all of Humansville. In addition, assuming uniform terrain,

the 60 dBu (1 mV/m) coverage contour will provide new service to an area of 2,516

square kilometers containing 25,572 persons.

The above statement and associated exhibit were prepared by me or under my

direct supervision and are believed to be true and correct.

**DATED: August 30, 1993** 

ames D. Sadler

## ALLOCATION STUDY CHANNEL 256A HUMANSVILLE, MISSOURI

## **REFERENCE COORDINATES:**

37° 47' 40" NORTH LATITUDE 93° 34' 40" WEST LONGITUDE

			SEPARATION (KM)	
CHANNEL	<u>STATUS</u>	STATION OR ALLOTMENT	REQUIRED	<u>ACTUAL</u>
253A	PRM	Lincoln, MO	31	66.4
254C1	LIC	KKHT, Springfield, MO	75	84.0
255C	LIC	KQRC-FM, Leavenworth, KS	165	166.6
256A	LIC	KYPG, Girard, KS	115	117.7
257C2	LIC	KCLR-FM, Boonville, MO	106	141.5
258A	LIC	KADI, Republic, MO	31	71.7
259C	LIC	KLTH, Kansas City, MO	95	164.9

### VERIFICATION

I, J. Gregory Borders, certify that I have read the foregoing Comment and Counterproposal; that to the best of my knowledge, information and belief there is good ground to support it; and that it is not interposed for delay.

J. Ofegory Borders

President

Missouri Radio, Inc.

Dated: September 2, 1993

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, J. Gregory Borders, President of Missouri Radio, Inc., hereby certify that I have this 2nd day of September, 1993, mailed by first class United States mail, postage prepaid, copies of the foregoing "COMMENT AND COUNTERPROPOSAL" to the following:

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J. Gregory Borders